

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-15, 18, and 19 are rejected. Claims 3, 6, 16, 17, and 20 are objected to. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 18, and 19 have been amended to remove non-elected subject matter.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-15, 18, and 19 of the invention under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,180,086.

In response, applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,180,086. Applicants assert that the terminal disclaimer obviates this rejection, and respectfully requests its withdrawal.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 6, 16, 17, and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer and respectfully assert withdrawal of the claim objections.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, applicants submit that the claims are patentable, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$110.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee. Charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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